



Cypress Ridge PCA

April 26, 2020

**Join our Live Stream Worship Service
at 10:30 am!**

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WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and grace. This handout will guide you as we worship together.

OUR PURPOSE

Cypress Ridge PCA exists to be a God centered, worshipping community that disciples God's people and extends God's kingdom.

CRPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America: www.pcanet.org

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THE LORD GATHERS THE NATIONS

We believe that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – calls the world to worship Him. As a Christian community, we gather together on the first day of each week to worship Him as we are led by the Spirit. As we worship, we bring our praise and our concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our troubles.

Prelude

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**Please silence your electronic devices*

Announcements

Reflection on Worship

*In his life Christ is an example showing us how to live,
in his death he is a sacrifice satisfying our sins, in his resurrection a conqueror,
in his ascension a king, in his intercession a high priest.
– Martin Luther*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:28

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words by Joachim Neander. Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him; for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord; O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath; come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Charles G. Gläzer

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life, and health, and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

The Love of God

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The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair, bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

*Oh love of God, how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song*

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

Chorus

Prayer for Children

Monthly Memory Verse

1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love in word or talk
but in deed and in truth.

THE LORD REVEALS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD

God calls the nations to follow him primarily through the reading and exposition of His inspired, infallible, and inerrant word as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

We believe that the Scriptures teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Luchenbill

Acts 1:1-11
Pew Bible p. 909

Before the Throne of God Above

Words & Music by Charitie Lees Bancroft & Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above; I have a strong, and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb; my perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am; the King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God (2x)

How Great Thou Art

Words and Music, Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art

Chorus

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. ... You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Thoughts About Confession

Please feel free to use this as a guideline as you take time to silently confess your sins.

- Am I waiting well?
- Am I witnessing well?
- Am I making use of the opportunities that God gives me to serve others?

Prayers for Missionaries

God calls us to pray. Through prayer we seek His good and perfect will.

*Our prayer time includes praying for our **April Missionaries of the Month:***

Andrew & Meghan Newman. Andrew is the Reformed University of Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at USF. Please pray for: 1) Their new family of five: Andrew, Meghan, Knox, Maryn, and Maeve. 2) Getting used to a new way of campus ministry during covid-19. Andrew has been encouraged how his ministry team has been stepping up. Please pray for he and his team as they strive to get creative in reaching out to the students via virtual ministry.

Prayers for the Church Family

- Bob Wood – needs to receive treatment for prostate cancer, but can’t receive it at this time.
- Sheryl Bachelder – seeking accurate diagnosis.
- Barbara Smith – receiving treatment for cancer.
- Muriel Baker – struggling with health issues.
- Vicki Johnston – seeking healing from asthma.
- Edna Kelder – diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.



THE LORD PROVIDES OUR DAILY BREAD

Worship includes returning to God and His work a portion of our material possessions as tithes and offerings.

We ask Him to use the generosity of His people to continue and to advance the work of His church.

Offertory Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Leader: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Cornerstone

Authors: Edward Mute, Eric Lintero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan & William Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong; in the Savior's love
Through the storm; He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone; faultless, stand before the throne

Chorus

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

The climax of our worship is sitting at the Table with the Lord. We come to the Table full of thankfulness and joy because of His grace. As the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus' sacrifice reconciled us to the Father so that we are in a right relationship with him.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Special Music

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Anna Bacheldor

Music by: Kevin Twit. Words by Anne Steele

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone can heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet
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THE LORD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

God does not save us simply from something. He saves us to something ... to be His messengers of redemption to a lost and fallen world. He sends us out redeemed, loved, and with a purpose. We are called to bear witness to what He is doing in our lives where we live, work, and play. Praise be to God!

Benediction

from Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will ... through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Unison Response:

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!!!

Choral Response

Tri-fold Amen

CRPC FAMILY EVENTS

TODAY ...

- **Livestream Worship Service:** @ 10:30 am
 - The service will be uploaded to the church website Sunday afternoon.

THIS WEEK ...

- **Monday Afternoon:** Girl's D-Group via Zoom @ 3:30 pm
- **Wednesday Evening:** Boathouse via Zoom @ 7:30 pm

BIBLE READING THIS WEEK ...

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Cross References</u>
Monday	Psalms 65	Isaiah 6:1-7; Revelation 15:3-4
Tuesday	Psalms 66	Isaiah 44:21-23; Exodus 14:19-31
Wednesday	Psalms 67	Numbers 6:22-27; Ezekiel 34:25-31
Thursday	Psalms 68:1-18	Micah 1:1-7; Deuteronomy 10:17-22
Friday	Psalms 68:19-35	Habakkuk 3:8-13; 1 Chronicles 15:16, 25-28

FYI ...

- **Thank you:** Thank you to this week's Bulletin Attendants: Tom Glasgow & Kara Kelly.
- **Congratulations to Johnnie Brown & Hannah Willis:** Paisley Jo Brown was born on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:42 am. She measured at 7 lbs. 2 ozs, 21 inches long. Congratulations to the parents and to the excited grandparents, Paul and Patty Smith!
- **God's provision from April 19:**
 - General Fund Giving: \$8,772
 - YTD to General Fund: \$95,686
 - YTD Budgeted Needs: \$97,848

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4/26 Cindy Luchenbill (Birthday)
- 4/26 Dave Smith (Birthday)
- 4/28 Ashlynn Viles (Birthday)
- 4/30 José Del Valle (Birthday)
- 5/1 Janet Abell (Birthday)
- 5/1 Rick & Rosie (DeCoito) Chaudoin (Anniversary)